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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION THREE

In re J. P., A Person Coming Under The Juvenile Court Law.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

V.

E. P.,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Los Angeles County Super. Ct. No. CK47570)

Appeal from an order of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Sherri Sobel, Referee. (Pursuant to Cal. Const., art. VI, § 21.) Dismissed.

Michael A. Salazar, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

No appearance for Plaintiff and Respondent.

Appellant, E.P. (Mother) appeals from a September 15, 2003 Welfare and Institutions Code section 366.26 order terminating her parental rights with respect to the minor J.P. (1-24-02) and placing the minor in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of adoptive planning and placement.

We appointed counsel to represent mother on appeal. After examination of the record, counsel notified this court in writing that, pursuant to *In re Sade C*. (1996) 13 Cal.4th 952, counsel was unable to file an opening brief. On Noveber 21, 2003, the clerk of this court mailed Mother notice, addresed to Mother's last known address, which advised Mother to submit within 30 days any contentions or issues she wished this court to consider. Mother has not filed any response with this court.

Because Mother has failed to raise any claim of error or other defect, the appeal properly is dismissed as abandoned. (*In re Sade, supra,* 13 Cal.4th at p. 994.)

DISPOSITION

The appeal is dismissed.

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CROSKEY, J.

We Concur:

KLEIN, P.J.

KITCHING, J.